

ANNUAL WEEK OF CLASSROOM
TEACHER CELEBRATION**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in my district of Guam, we have a wealth of talented and devoted educators responsible for teaching more than 33,000 students each year. It is unfortunate, however, that only a handful are actually recognized for their diligence and commitment to educating our children. In reality teachers can never be honored enough for their hard won successes. At times, it may seem like teachers may feel they have a thankless job with minimal or no recognition. At times, teachers may feel their efforts in the classroom seem inconsequential and go unappreciated. At times, teachers may feel like they are in a profession which no longer holds the prominence it once did.

It has been said that teaching is the most unappreciated profession. Conversely, it has also been said that teaching is the most self-gratifying profession. As a long-time educator, I understand the daily quandaries that teachers encounter—the limited resources, the financial constraints and the juggling of school staff to make certain that the needs of every student are met. As a parent, I can certainly appreciate the challenges and sacrifice they face to get the best education readily available for our children. Thus, teachers rarely receive the commendation they deserve.

On March 19–25, 2000, the Annual Week of the Classroom Teacher Celebration officially commences on Guam. During this week, 91 teachers from 17 schools will be formally recognized. The appreciation of the dedication of all educators island-wide will be spotlighted as the following teachers are recognized:

Kyma Scadlock (Andersen Elementary), Donna Rhodes (Andersen Elementary), Fumi Marquez (Andersen Elementary), Debra Hall (Andersen Elementary), Martha Sudo (Andersen Elementary), Arlene B. Cruz (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Betty Santos (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Tarslia Muth (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Marina Pangelinan (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Katherine Rives (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Tina Buendicho (Inarajan Elementary), Amy Holland (Inarajan Elementary), Brigida Agustin (Inarajan Elementary), Sr. Teresa Cruz (Inarajan Elementary), Jerry Nartia (Inarajan Elementary), Rosario Quinata (Inarajan Elementary), Diana Dungca (Astumbo Elementary), and Mark Olin (Astumbo Elementary).

Yvonne Rado (Astumbo Elementary), Elaine Ulloa (Astumbo Elementary), Fred Fensler (Astumbo Elementary), Denis Watabayashi (John F. Kennedy High School), Susan Seay (John F. Kennedy High School), Barbara Roberto (John F. Kennedy High School), Roberta Abadahay (John F. Kennedy High School), Collette Beausoleil (John F. Kennedy High School), Abigail Carbullido (John F. Kennedy High School), Gloria Estampador (Jose Rios Elementary), Rebecca Benavente (Jose Rios Elementary), Ivy Baletto (Jose Rios Elementary), Valerie Quinata (Jose Rios Elementary), Elizabeth Apiag (Jose Rios Elementary), Ray Leon Guerrero (Jose Rios Elementary), Gwendolyn Taimanglo (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Irene Mafnas (F.B. Leon Guerrero

Middle School), and Diono Rolando (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School).

Ann Aguon (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Marien Taitano (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), John Shook (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Shery Nixt (Maria Ulloa Elementary School), Marilyn VanderWeide (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Esther Keone (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Danilo Dimag (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Amafael Silvestre (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Erlinda Arriola (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Lynette Quitugua (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Tricia Gumba (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Lolita Siguenza (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Lanee Lim (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Carmelita Guterrez (Finegayan Elementary), Denise San Nicolas (Finegayan Elementary), John Wagganer (Finegayan Elementary), Josephine Opinion (Finegayan Elementary), and Gwendolyn Perez (Finegayan Elementary).

Diane Pegarido (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Alma Neglerio (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Sharon DeVera (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Marybelle Iglesias (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Ninfa DeVerra (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Betsy Bonhoff (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Rosalyn Jurinario (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Daisy San Miguel (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Leah Fernandez (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Dolores Cayanar (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Dawn Reyes (Inarajan Middle School), Davia Gofigan (Inarajan Middle School), Norval Marsh (Inarajan Middle School), Therese Iglesias (Inarajan Middle School), Barbara Blas (Inarajan Middle School), Carmen Bermudes (Oceanview Middle School), Curtis Ibbotson (Oceanview Middle School), and Joseph Leon Guerrero (Oceanview Middle School).

Larry Kennedy (Oceanview Middle School), Marissa Quitugua (Oceanview Middle School), Patty Bamba (Oceanview Middle School), Ritana Guerrero (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Maaria Y. Cruz (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Agnes Rivera (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Peter Pangelinan (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Annette Payne (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Doris Baza (Talofofo Elementary), Richard Cruz (Talofofo Elementary), Marie D.C. Taimanglo (Talofofo Elementary), Rita R. Anderson (Talofofo Elementary), Elizabeth R. Pablo (Talofofo Elementary), Estella C. Simon (Talofofo Elementary), Claire Santos (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), Shelly Hughes (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), Janice Banks (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), Rowena Dimla (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), and Yolanda Rosal (Daniel L. Perez Elementary).

The Annual Week of the Classroom Teacher Celebration is sponsored by the University of Guam Association for Childhood Education International, the Guam Department of Education, and the Department of Defense Schools. Throughout the week, numerous activities are scheduled at the various schools, culminating with an awards ceremony at the Guam Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 25, 2000.

Teachers are the pillars of our educational system. They provide the foundation and support to foster education of our children. They inspire our children to strive further in academics. They help mold and shape students into knowledgeable young adults.

Good teachers help students realize their potential for success and foster self-con-

fidence. They have a personal commitment to help students become a whole person, equipped with the knowledge, self-confidence, and respect they need to compete and excel in today's ever changing world.

And, there must be a concerted commitment to our children's educational health and well-being. This commitment must be a partnership among educators, parents, and the administrators. As a majority of our students have become successful individuals in their own rights, such success would not have been possible without such a commitment and partnership. We are only as strong as our weakest link. Therefore, we must continue to work hard to help our future generation attain success. No one aspect of education is the panacea for its process. To achieve success, everyone must work together.

I take great pride and pleasure in joining my island community saluting Guam's educators for their hard work and dedication to the development and cultivation of our children's education. Dangkalu Na Si Yu'os Maase. Keep up the good work.

HONORING FREDERICK W. CLARK,
JR., FROM MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

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Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a young man that I have had the privilege of knowing and working with for many years. Frederick W. Clark, Jr., my district director in Boston, is being honored this evening by the Boston Jaycees as one of their Ten Outstanding Young Leaders of 2000. At a time when many despair that young leaders and solid role models are hard to find, I am happy to say I know one such young person.

Fred is a loyal friend, a devoted family man, and a genuinely easy person to work with. Neither his family, nor his coworkers, is surprised that he was chosen for this award. They have seen his selfless commitment to service.

Between his job and working on behalf of various groups, Fred often sacrifices time with his wife Carrie and their two sons, Justin and Derek. I remember a story Fred once told me about his son, Justin. One evening after a long day, Fred came home to find little Justin was a little cranky and feeling a bit neglected. When Fred told him it was time to go to bed, Justin had a better suggestion. Justin looked Fred in the eye and said, "Go to a meeting!" I hope that Justin and Derek understand that while Daddy is often very busy serving the needs of other people, he loves them very much. They should be proud of their father and honored to share him with the world. I know I am.

Fred has been involved in many important issues for my constituents for many years. I hope he is proud of his hard work and involvement in numerous building projects in and around Boston. Fred's hands have helped shape the construction of the New Federal Courthouse, the Evelyn Moakley Bridge, the expansion of the World Trade Center, and the construction of the Moakley Center for Technological Applications at his alma mater, Bridgewater State College. He has fought for